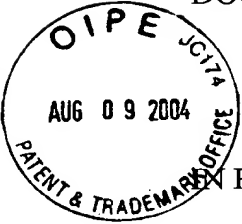


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, and further to the Advisory  
Action dated July 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.